

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Important Information & Upcoming Events

February 2015

MASSES & CELEBRATIONS

<u>February 1</u>	<i>Sunday Mass</i> 9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
<u>February 8</u>	<i>Sunday Mass</i> 9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
<u>February 15</u>	<i>Sunday Mass</i> 9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
<u>February 18</u>	<i>Ash Wednesday Mass</i> 9:30 am at Holy Trinity Church
<u>February 22</u>	<i>Sunday Mass</i> 9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church
<u>February 23</u>	<i>Lenten Liturgy</i> 2:20 pm at School

Junior Kindergarten Registration

Holy Family School is continuing to hold Junior Kindergarten Registration for children, born in 2011, who will be starting school in September 2015. Please stop by the school to pick up your registration package and tour our facilities.



SKATING

Our Skating Program continues. It is mandatory that students in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 4 wear a helmet, and mittens/gloves must be worn by *all* students at *all* times. As well, no child or adult will be permitted on the ice surface at any time without skates. Given that some children currently do not have skates or helmets, we do have a few extras that students are welcome to *borrow* on skating days. Please note that if students are bringing their skates on the school bus, all ice skates must have the blades suitably protected with guards and must be stored in a case or school bag. The bag is to be placed on the floor at the student's feet while on the bus.

From the Principal's Desk

Our Catholic Virtue for February is **Temperance**. By demonstrating temperance, students are encouraged to not over, or under react to events and interactions with others that occur in their lives. Also, students will be taught the value of reflective listening habits as a way to truly understand the opinions and values of others. It is hoped that this will help them to make sound, prudent choices and actions throughout their lives.

This year our Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18th. As always, you are welcome to join with our school community by attending our Mass on this day, starting at 9:30 am at the Parish. Lent is the period of time when we are called to examine ourselves through careful reflection: Who are we really? Who is God calling us to be, and how are we living out that call in our everyday lives? Such reflection can sometimes be uncomfortable, making us face the need to reorder our priorities and our ways of living. However, this discomfort may be necessary if we are truly to experience the joy of the resurrection. It is in this joy that I wish you and your family Christ's peace throughout your Lenten journey.

Term 1 report cards will go home on February 18th. Even though formal parent-teacher interviews have passed, I encourage you to stay in touch with your child's teacher to discuss progress and next steps heading into term 2. I also encourage you to take a look at our school's webpage located on the Board website (www.ncdsb.on.ca). We put all home correspondence as well as interesting news items on there. If you have not already, you may join our email contact list, where I will send home all school correspondence to your email. Just let me know your email address, as well as changes to your existing address. I would appreciate hearing any feedback you may have that could improve our communication with you, our school community.

Next year's JK students are children born in 2011, and our registration is ongoing. If you know of any friends or families that are undecided about which school to send their child to next year, please invite them to contact me. I would love to show them what a wonderful school Holy Family is!!

As always, I wish you Christ's peace in your life. On this note, if you are a Catholic who has been away from your faith for a time and are interested in returning to the church please consider attending Mass this weekend. Mass time at **Holy Trinity Parish is Sunday at 9:00 a.m.** Also, if you are not a Catholic, but would like information on becoming one, please contact the Parish at 544-8023.

Matt Turner



Red-Pink-White Day February 13th

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Holy Family School will be holding it's annual Public Speaking competition in the school library on Thursday, March 5th beginning at 1:00 p.m. You are welcome to come and listen to the students speak.

The top three finishers in each of the categories will go on to compete at the Branch Level of competition at the Englehart Legion on Sunday, March 8th at 1:00 p.m. The first place finishers in each of the categories at the Branch Level will compete at the Zone competition. *Best of luck to all of the speakers!*

Report Cards go Home February 18th

FOOD BANK

Holy Family School accepts donations, at any time, for the local Food Bank. A bin is located at the school office where donations can be deposited.



We thank you for your support.

NATIONAL FLAG DAY

Sunday, February 15th, 2015 is National Flag of Canada Day and a time to celebrate the shared values and traditions that are fundamental to our identity as Canadians. This symbol of freedom, democracy and human rights reminds us of how truly fortunate we are as Canadians to live in this vast and beautiful country.



Pizza Day

is Friday, February 13th

\$2.50 per slice

Orders are due by Tuesday, February 10th

Proceeds raised will go towards the JK-SK year-end activities.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Holy Family Catholic School Council will meet on Wednesday, February 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. Parents and staff are always welcome to attend.

Family Day Holiday February 16th

GRADUATION PICTURES

CHEESE!



Grade 8 graduation photos will be taken on Thursday, February 12th at 12:45 p.m. The graduates are asked to bring a white button-up shirt/blouse, and the boys a tie, if they have one. If not, the

photographer will have one on hand that students can borrow. More information will be forthcoming.

Sub Day

is Wednesday, February 25th

\$4.50 per 6 inch Sub

Orders are due by Friday, February 20th

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TEMPERANCE

"Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city."

(Proverb 16:32)